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9.6.1976
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY BOARD DR. D.H. CRAVEN

In welcoming message to our visitors, the Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union for their first match in South Africa (they played in Rhodesia on Saturday) I must also congratulate their opponents North Eastern Cape on celebrating their tenth anniversary at Graaff-Reinet to-day.

In the first place Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union is a most illustrious county team as their history on the playing field since in their inception in 1878 shows only too well. The South African Rugby Board has had a very close association with Gloucestershire: As long ago as 3 November 1906 our very first touring Springboks team that of Paul Roca, played against Gloucestershire at Gloucestershire and won 23-0; then on 28 December 1912 at Bristol Billy Miller Springboksteam beat Gloucestershire 11-0, followed by Bennie Osler Springboks on 23 October 1931 against Gloucestershire and Somerset (14-3).

The Western county team which lost 5-16 to Basil Kendon Springboks on 12 January 1951 at Bristol had 6 Gloucestershire players. Ten Gloucestershire players were included in the Western County Team which lost 0-42 against Avril Malvane Springboks on 10 December 1960. In 1960-70 against Davie de Villiers team Western County gave their best performance against the Springboks drawing 3-3.

The friendship on and off the field between Gloucestershire and South African Rugby has spanned 70 years, which is a very long time.

We welcome Gloucestershire on their visit to South Africa, may they have an enjoyable tour making many friends, on and off the field and have the opportunity to display to us the brand of rugby which they are capable of playing.

On behalf of the South African Rugby Board my sincerest congratulations to the home Union who has had a difficult 10 years during which they have had hard times, many changes of their boundaries and not all the success they would have liked on the field of playing. Now they seem to have made a breakthrough which augurs well for the next 10 years. In fact this Union started as North Eastern Districts as long ago as 1903, yes 73 years ago and it was 10 years ago that at Kearston I met Mr. Tim Murray and Neville Turner where it was decided that Midland and Feroo Sub Union formerly with Eastern Province would amalgamate with North Eastern Districts to form a new and stronger Union.

May today's match be a victory for Rugby and the forerunner of many more matches between Gloucestershire and teams in and from South Africa.

Dr. D.H. CRAVEN
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**Reserves:**

- W. Strydom
- B. Heyneke
- M. Grabler
- W. Elsa
- C. Swanspoel
- A. Oosthuizen

**Referee:** Mr. Fornie v.d. Vyver
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTHERN TRANSVAAL RUGBY UNION

On behalf of the Northern Transvaal Rugby Union, I wish to extend a hearty welcome to the officials and players of the Gloucestershire R.F.U. We wish you a happy stay in Pretoria. It is our sincere wish that you will enjoy this afternoon’s game at Loftus Versfeld and that you will retain pleasant memories of your tour to our country.

PROF. F.C. Eloff

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How good is South African forward play in general and that of Northern Transvaal in particular? Northern Transvaal is looked upon as South Africa's birthplace of forward play and the nursery of forwards. It is to the North that the responsibility of taming the All Blacks will be given. Can they do this?

This afternoon's match — when Gloucestershire, English country champions meet Northern Transvaal, Currie Cup champions — will provide the answer. Gloucestershire recently became English champions for the third consecutive year. Northern Transvaal have won the Currie Cup three years running. Like Northern Transvaal, Gloucestershire depended on their formidable forwards to conquer the crown. The same accusation which has been flung at Northern Transvaal has been directed at Gloucestershire — that they play hard, but unattractively, rugby.

If Northern cannot bring the "West Country" forwards to their knees this afternoon, it bodes ill for our chances against the All Blacks.

Gloucestershire's strength is obvious from the names in their team.

The two best-known are that of John Pullin and Mike Burton, both of whom have been to South Africa before and both of whom played key roles in England's unexpected victory over the Springboks in 1972 at Ellis Park.

Another member of that memorable pack is John Watkins, fair-haired flanker. Other England forwards in the touring side are Andy Brinn (lock), Barry Nelmes (prop) and eighth-man David Pollitt.

But don't pass over the Gloucestershire backs too readily. Alan Morley is a Lion wing and scored the winning try for England against the 'Boks in 1972. Centres Chris Williams and Peter Kingston have both played for England and have been playing in combination since their school days. Peter Butler, full-back, has proved his worth for England and has been top scorer in England for the past three years.

John Bayliss, 34-year old Gloucestershire captain, will be remembered for his centre play against the Springboks in 1969-70.

During the last decade or so several British club and country teams have visited South Africa with only middling success. For many it was only a holiday at the expense of their hosts.

Gloucestershire may be counted the exception. On paper they are the strongest of these British sides and they are more serious in their approach to the tour than their predecessors were.

Gloucestershire has a proud record. Since their beginning in 1878 they have won the English country title thirteen times, reached the final 27 times and the semi-finals 30 times.
Pen sketches

4. Foden, John Howard (Gloucester)

5. Powell, Roger Anthony (Llanelli)

6. Warneke, John Anthony (Gloucester)
Prop. Age 30. Height 6’2”. Weight 10 st 9 lbs. The current England prop. A British Lion and a Barbarian. A member of the England pack which toured Australia in 1975. Has also represented Wales in the championship. An imposing character, not only known to the rugby world, but also for his sense of humour. One of the costumer’s favourite. Married.

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7. Tatton, Michael Brough
8. Hoyle, David Malcolm (Brasil)

12. Williams, Christopher John (Brasil)

9. Kingston, Peter (Gloucester)

13. Boylston, John Alexander (Gloucester)
Batsman. Age 24. The Gloucestershire skipper. Has also led England in a Youth International. Numerous counties in a long career, including a Berkshire neck three years ago. First played for Gloucestershire in 1957. Boylston is a school cricket. He and his wife have a greengrocery business.

10. Williams, Christopher George (Gloucester)

14. Clewmoor, Robert (Gloucester)

11. Morley, Alan John George (Brasil)

16. Butler, Peter Edward (Gloucester)
Full Back. Age 24. Height 6'10". Weight 12½ st. 2 lbs. In only his fourth season in top-class rugby and was the country's leading points scorer for three seasons. Generally recognized as the 'king of the places kickers', educated at Croydon School and Birmingham University, where he was Wasps Captain. Played for U.A.U. and for S.W. Counties against All Blacks and Australia. Was capped for England against Australia last summer and played for England against France this year. Included Chelsea. Single.

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(naby Paul Krugerstraat)
16. Sergeant Gordon Allen (Lydney)
Post: Age 36. Height 5'11". Weight 16 st 5 lbs. Nickname "Sarge". First played for
Lydney in 16 years of age and then for Gloucestershire Schools and Gloucestershire
Coles. Captain of Lydney for last two years. Insurance Agent, Sarge.

18. Brian, Alan (Gloucester)
Lock. Age 34. Has been referred to as "The Gentleman of Rugby Football". When his first
England Cap was four seasons ago. Has made more appearances for Gloucester’s Senior
 XV than any other player in the club’s history. Educated at High Wycombe, in Rhodesia
and Northern Ireland. Runs his own sports outfitters business.

17. Russel, Frederick Charles (Gloucester)

20. Barnes, John Henry (Gloucester)
Flanker. Age 27. Napped moved to the top flight on joining Gloucester for a Junior club.
With his two international colleagues forms a speedy and combative back row. A Whole-
sale/Retail Carrier.

18. Triepheuht, Alben Harold (Bismarck)
Lock. Age 22. Weight 8'6". Weight 12 st. Nickname "Ar" has played for Caernarvon
and Midland Districts Under 25. Medical Student, Bismarck.

21. Sorrell, David Philip (Bismarck)
(Both) Outside half. Age 20. Height 6'. Weight 12 st. 4 lbs. County Cape Cap and
Bismarck’s leading points scorer this season. Heating Engineer, Bismarck.

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PRETORIA
23. Munns, Richard
Surname: Munns
Age: 25
Height: 5'7
Weight: 14 st. 10 lbs
Engaged: Dutts Cap. Civil Engineering Apprentices, Single

24. Jordan, Richard (Gloucester)
Centre: Age 20
One of the two police officers in the side. Jnr. Kensington from the County Police
Not mentioned. Elected and Bath Aces.

25. Venus, Brian John (Leicester)
Age: 25
Height: 5'7
Weight: 14 st. 3 lbs

26. Murle, John B.
Tour Manager. Jack Murle is President of the Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union.
He is a member of the Rugby Club of which he has been an officer for many years.
Having been Membership Secretary, Tour Secretary, etc., etc., and at present as Tour
Secretary, he is the Mobstrach and also actively engaged in Church work, representing the Bishop.
Elected to the General Synod of the Church of England, Primate's Bankway.

27. Weller, David Jervis
Adviser to Coach, Hand and Business Director. In his younger days played for the
(he left Rugby and Cricket). He has been seen season after season. Taking his attention to the administrative part of the game to facilitate new
secretaries, coaches, and selectors for No. 8 for several years, before being elected to the
Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union, and was appointed Tour and Match Secretary to